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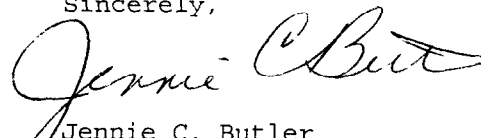
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Dear Mr. Bode:

Your petition, submitted on behalf of American Spice Trade Association, Association of Food Industries, Cheese Importers Association of America, Cocoa Merchants' Association of America, International Dairy Foods Association, National Fisheries Institute, National Food Processors Association, requesting the Food and Drug Administration to request that FDA conduct a notice-and-comment rulemaking order to implement the marking provision of the Bioterrorism Act, was received by this office on 02/27/03. It was assigned docket number 03P-0078/CP 1 and it was filed on 02/27/03. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

  
Jennie C. Butler  
Dockets Management Branch

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